

Distribution

Q. Explain why the 2004 proposed level of expenditure for Street Lighting has increased by fifty-five percent (55%) over 1999?

A. The significant factors contributing to the increase over the 1999 expenditures include:

- a) an increase in the number of new customers over 1999 of approximately 4%.
- b) a general increase in Labour costs over 1999 of approximately 20%.
- c) an inflationary increase in non-labour cost over 1999 of approximately 10%.
- d) an allotment of approximately \$93,000 for installation of streetlight lights and underground wiring to accommodate the increased subdivision activity in 2003. Streetlights and associated underground wiring are not typically completed until the subdivision is significantly complete. This practice reduces the incidence of damage by contractors while excavating for new foundations and sidewalk construction. This is approximately 7% of the total 2004 streetlight budget. Please refer to PUB-50 NP, and in particular note 4.
- e) an allotment for repairs to underground street light circuits in 2004 for Eastern Region of \$100,000. This is approximately 8% of total 2004 street light budget. Please refer to PUB-50 NP, and in particular note 6.